

AGENDA
CLEAR HILLS COUNTY
AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING
May 7, 2019

The Agricultural Service Board meeting of Clear Hills County will be held on Tuesday, May 7, 2019 at 10:00 a.m., meeting in the Council Chambers of the County Administration Office, 313 Alberta Avenue, Worsley, Alberta.

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**MINUTES OF CLEAR HILLS COUNTY
AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, Worsley, Alberta
March 18, 2019**

PRESENT

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| Brian Harcourt | Chair |
| MacKay Ross | Member |
| Baldur Ruecker | Deputy Chair Ruecker |
| Julie Watchorn | Member |
| David Janzen | Council Representative |
| Garry Candy | Member |

ATTENDING

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| Audrey Bjorklund | Community Development Manager |
| Sarah Hayward | Community Development Clerk |
| Greg Coon | Agricultural Fieldman |

ABSENT

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Harcourt called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

AGENDA

AG48(03/18/19)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board adopts the agenda governing the March 18, 2019 Agricultural Service Board meeting with the following addition:

7a Events: addition: Climate Fieldview Meeting

7d. Chinook Applied Research Association (CARA) Soil Sampling Lab

7e. Gardening of the North in Churchill Manitoba

CARRIED.

AG49(03/18/19)

RESOLUTION by Member Watchorn that this Agricultural Service Board adopts the minutes of the February 20, 2019 Agricultural Service Board Meeting as presented. CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS

Activity Report

The Board is presented with the Agricultural Service Board Activity Report.

AG50(03/18/19)

RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the March 18, 2019 Agricultural Service Board Activity Report as presented. CARRIED.

Date, Time and Place
Of Board Members

This item has been tabled since the November 19, 2018 Organizational meeting because all members must be present to change the date, time and place of meetings.

AG51(03/18/19)

RESOLUTION by Member Candy that this Agricultural Service Board set the Agricultural Service Board meeting for the third Tuesday of each month except May when the meeting will be held on the first Tuesday, and no meetings will be held in April and September. Meetings will commence at 10:00 a.m. in the Clear Hills County Council Chambers at 313 Alberta Avenue Worsley, Alberta. At the call of the Chair, special meetings shall be posted 48 hours in advance. CARRIED.

Dugout Treatment Information

The Board is presented with information regarding dugout treatment.

AG52(03/18/19)

RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board direct administration to feature one article per month in a "Dugout Corner" section of the monthly Clear Hills County newsletter and provide the link to the Alberta Agriculture and Forestry website where the information is being sourced from on the County website and Facebook page and share the information with Council. CARRIED.

Board Reports

At this time the Board members will have an opportunity to present their reports on meetings attended and other agricultural related topics.

AG53(03/18/19)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the March 18, 2019 Board members' written and verbal reports for information as presented. CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS
Events

The Board is presented with events for their consideration.

AG54(03/18/19)

RESOLUTION by Chair Harcourt that this Agricultural Service Board authorize the attendance of Councillor Janzen to attend the Mental Health First Aid for Agriculture on March 19-20, 2019 at the Grande Prairie Regional College Fairview Campus in Room AC 144. CARRIED.

AG55(03/18/19)

RESOLUTION by Member Candy that this Agricultural Service Board authorize the attendance of Chair Harcourt, Member Watchorn, Deputy Chair Ruecker and Member Ross to attend the Peace Country Beef Cattle Day on March 26, 2019 at the Grimshaw Legion in Grimshaw, Alberta. CARRIED.

AG56(03/18/19)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board accept for that there will be a Climate Fieldview meeting sponsored by UFA on March 21, 2019 at the Dunvegan Motor Inn in Fairview, Alberta. CARRIED.

Farmer Class 1

Training Exemption

The Board is presented with a letter from Brazeau County regarding Class 1 Driver Training Requirements for Farmers.

AG57(03/18/19)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board direct administration to bring back further information on Saskatchewan "F" exemption from Farmers on their Class 1 licenses and prepare a draft a letter to the Minister of Transportation requesting agricultural producers be exempt from the Class 1 commercial driving training requirements. CARRIED.

Tradeshow
April 13, 2019

The 25th Annual Tradeshow is being held on April 13, 2019. Administration is requesting Board members to sign up for their shifts in the Agricultural Service Board booth at the Tradeshow.

Chair Harcourt recessed for a break at 11:32 a.m.
Chair Harcourt reconvened the meeting at 11:42 a.m.

AG58(03/18/19)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board accept for information the Agricultural Service Board booth schedule and discussion around the 25th Annual Clear County Agricultural Trade Show being held on April 13, 2019 at the Dave Shaw Memorial Complex in Hines Creek, Alberta. CARRIED.

Add In:
CARA Soil
Sampling Lab

Member Candy requested the Chinook Applied Research Association (CARA) Soil Sampling Lab item be added to today's agenda.

AG59(03/18/19)

RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board direct administration to research costs associated with planning a tour to the Chinook Applied Research Association (CARA) Soil Sampling Lab in Oyen, Alberta. CARRIED.

Chair Harcourt recessed for lunch at 12:00 p.m.
Chair Harcourt reconvened the meeting at 12:31 p.m.

Add In: Gardening of
The North in Churchill
Manitoba

Member Candy requested using Sea Can's and hydroponics to grow fresh vegetables in Churchill Manitoba be added to today's agenda, as follow-up to the meeting with Council and discussion around promoting garden to plate in our region.

AG60(03/18/19)

RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board accept for information the discussion around hydroponic gardening in the north using insulated sea-cans in Churchill Manitoba and share the information with Council. CARRIED.

REPORTS

Agricultural Fieldman
Report

At this time the Agricultural Fieldman will have an opportunity to present his report.

AG61(03/18/19)

RESOLUTION by Member Candy that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the March 18, 2019 Agricultural Fieldman's Report for information as presented. CARRIED.

Information &
Correspondence

The Board is presented with correspondence for review.

1. SARDA – Newsletter - (63-10-02)

AG62(03/18/19)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board receives the Information and Correspondence as presented. CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair adjourned the meeting at 1:04 p.m.

CHAIR

AGRICULTURAL FIELDMAN

Clear Hills County Request For Decision (RFD)

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| Meeting: | Agricultural Service Board |
| Meeting Date: | May 7, 2019 |
| Originated By: | Greg Coon, Agricultural Fieldman |
| Title: | DELEGATION – Cleardale Colony 10:15 a.m. |
| File: | 63-10-02 |

DESCRIPTION:

Henry Stahl with the Cleardale Colony will be in attendance at 10:15 a.m. to present their solar powered water buggy.

BACKGROUND:

ATTACHMENTS:

- Cleardale Colony letter

OPTIONS:

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

RESOLUTION by... that this Agriculture Service Board accept for information the delegation from Henry Stahl with the Cleardale Colony presenting their solar powered water buggy.

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| Initials show support - Reviewed by: Manager: <i>ABj</i> AgFieldman: |
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Henry Stahlh 780 834-5512

Cleardale Colony
Box 159
Cleardale AB.
T0H 3X0

County of Clear Hills
Box 240
Worsley, AB.
T0H 3M0

Meeting: RIF

Introduction on Solar Powered Water Buggy
Please be advised we as Cleardale Colony members would like to attend a meeting with you to explain and introduce our solar powered water buggy to water cattle without cattle to walk up to water body. All production + fabricating and workmanship performance and technology etc, etc. focusing on production, sales, warranty + maybe have the county to have the units in their rental fleet. All extras would be explained at meeting. We would appreciate an acceptance from the county officers for us to be at the meeting in person.

Thank You

Cleardale Colony
Members



Clear Hills County

Request For Decision (RFD)

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| Meeting: | Agricultural Service Board |
| Meeting Date: | May 7, 2019 |
| Originated By: | Greg Coon, Agricultural Fieldman |
| Title: | ACTIVITY REPORT |
| File: | 63-10-02 |

DESCRIPTION:

The board is presented with the Agricultural Service Board Activity Report.

BACKGROUND:

The Activity report is helpful to administration and the board for tracking the status of resolutions and directions from the board. Items will stay on the report until they are completed. Items that are shaded indicate that they are completed and will be removed from the list once presented at the current Agricultural Service Board meeting.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Agricultural Service Board Activity Report

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RESOLUTION by _____ that this Agricultural Service Board (ASB) accepts the May 7, 2019 ASB Activity Report as presented.

Initials show support - Reviewed by: Manager: *AK* · AgFieldman:



Senior Management Team Agricultural Service Board

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Budget Items:

CAO = Chief Administrative Officer

DO= Development Officer

EA = Executive Assistant

Completed Items:

CSM = Corporate Services Manager

AF = Ag. Fieldman

CDM = Community Development Manager

MOTION DATE DESCRIPTION DEPT STATUS

| REGULAR AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETINGS | | | | |
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| October 15, 2018 | | | | |
| AG93 | (10/15/18) | RESOLUTION by Chair Harcourt that this Agricultural Service Board approach the Peace Country Beef and Forage Association to investigate planning a No-Till Conference for northern Alberta for the winter of 2019-2020. | AF | |
| AG110 | (10/15/18) | RESOLUTION by Councillor Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board approach Peace Country Beef and Forage Association to host a conference or workshop on economic field rotations and organic farming alternatives within Clear Hills County. | AF | |
| February 20, 2019 | | | | |
| AG30 | (02/20/19) | RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board direct administration to bring back costs and information on developing an Alternative Land Use Service Program. | | In the works – Developing Business Plan |
| AG32 | (02/20/19) | RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board direct administration to approach the Peace Country Beef and Forage about holding a Gate to Plate Marketing workshop in Clear Hills County to assist producers in direct marketing their produce and other farm products. | | |
| AG43 | (02/20/19) | RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board direct administration bring back information on the relocation of live beaver legislation and what is and isn't allowed. | | In the works – waiting to hear back from Alberta Wildlife |
| March 18, 2019 | | | | |
| AG57 | (03/18/19) | RESOLUTION by Councillor Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board direct administration to bring back further information on Saskatchewan "F" exemption from Farmers on their Class 1 licenses and prepare a draft a letter to the Minister of Transportation requesting agricultural producers be exempt from the Class 1 commercial driving training requirements. | AF | May 7 RFD- Seeking clarification |



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| MOTION | DATE | DESCRIPTION | DEPT | STATUS |
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| AG59 | (03/18/19) | RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board direct administration to research costs associated with planning a tour to the Chinook Applied Research Association (CARA) Soil Sampling Lab in Oyen, Alberta. | AF | In the works |
| Items in Waiting | | | | |
| AG133 | (12/12/16) | RESOLUTION by Member Watchorn that this Agricultural Service Board table the discussion around the CombCut Selective Mower and bring back information once the University of Saskatchewan field trial study is complete. | | 2020 OR 2021 |
| AG21 | (02/13/17) | RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board table motion AG109(10/17/16) regarding Glyphosate Tolerant Wheat until new information is available. | | As of Nov 9 2018 no new info |

Clear Hills County

Request For Decision (RFD)

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| Meeting: | Agricultural Service Board |
| Meeting Date: | May 7, 2019 |
| Originated By: | Audrey Bjorklund, Community Development Manager |
| Title: | TRADESHOW |
| File: | 63-10-30 |

DESCRIPTION:

The Board is requested to share feedback on the 25th Annual Agricultural Tradeshow that was held on April 13, 2019 and suggestions for the 2020 Tradeshow.

BACKGROUND:

The 26th Annual Tradeshow will be held on April 18, 2020.

Revenue and expense summary for the 2019 Tradeshow will be provided at the next meeting.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Resolution by... that this Agricultural Service Board accept for information the review of the 25th Annual Agricultural Tradeshow that was held on April 13, 2019 and ideas for the 26th Tradeshow that will be held on April 18, 2020.

Initials show support - Reviewed by: **Manager:**

ABJ

AgFieldman:

Clear Hills County

Request For Decision (RFD)

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| Meeting: | Agricultural Service Board |
| Meeting Date: | May 7, 2019 |
| Originated By: | Greg Coon Agricultural Fieldman |
| Title: | FARMER EXEMPTION FOR CLASS 1 DRIVER TRAINING |
| File: | 63-10-02 |

DESCRIPTION:

The Board is presented with information around the Mandatory Entry Level Training (MELT) for Class 1 Drivers

BACKGROUND:

AG57(03/18/19)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board direct administration to bring back further information on Saskatchewan "F" exemption from Farmers on their Class 1 licenses and prepare a draft a letter to the Minister of Transportation requesting agricultural producers be exempt from the Class 1 commercial driving training requirements.

CARRIED.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Alberta Transportation MELT FAQ page
- Government of Saskatchewan "F Endorsement" information page

OPTIONS:

1. Receive for information
2. Draft a letter to Alberta Transportation lobbying for full exemption rather than just the extension to November 30, 2019 which is already approved.
3. Await final decision from Province of Saskatchewan before proceeding.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That this Agricultural Service Board....

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| Initials show support - Reviewed by: | Manager: |  | AgFieldman: |
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Mandatory Entry Level Training for Class 1 drivers

Agriculture industry

Mandatory Entry Level Training (MELT) for commercial drivers

Mandatory Entry Level Training (MELT) is a mandatory training program for **new** Class 1 (tractor-trailer) and Class 2 (bus) drivers taught at driver training schools and organizations across Alberta. Once a driver has completed MELT, they must pass a knowledge and road test (based on the MELT curriculum) to get their Class 1 or Class 2 driver's licence.

The purpose of the training is to ensure that commercial drivers have the basic skills and experience to safely operate large commercial vehicles on the road.

MELT requirements for new and existing drivers

Existing drivers: If you got your Class 1 licence before October 11, 2018, you don't need to do anything. You continue to be a Class 1 driver without additional requirements.

MELT transition drivers: If you got your Class 1 licence between October 11, 2018 and February 28, 2019, you must show that you meet the new training standards by taking the MELT-enhanced knowledge and road tests by March 1, 2020.

- Government will pay for the first attempt at the knowledge and road tests.
- You will have two attempts to pass.

New drivers: After March 1, 2019, all new drivers must take MELT to get a new Class 1 licence..

Farmers and Farm Workers: To meet the needs of the 2019 farming seasons, farmers and farm workers can apply to Alberta Transportation for an extension to get their Class 1 licence under the pre-MELT process until Nov. 30, 2019.

MELT extension for farmers and farm workers

Farmers and farm workers are being offered an extension to comply with MELT. You must apply to Alberta Transportation for this extension.

If you are eligible for the extension, you will not be required to take MELT training and you may take the pre-MELT Class 1 knowledge and road test until Nov. 30, 2019.

All drivers, regardless of extension, must meet all of the existing Class 1 driver's licence requirements:

- be at least 18 years old
- have at least a full Class 5 Alberta driver's licence (Graduated Driver's Licensing Program drivers are not eligible for a Class 1 licence)
- have an approved Class 1 driver's medical completed by a physician
- have successfully completed the Air Brake Endorsement (Q Endorsement) Program

You must have your pre-MELT Class 1 licence in place by Nov. 30, 2019. Anyone who does not have their pre-MELT Class 1 licence in place by Nov. 30 must take MELT training and pass the MELT-enhanced knowledge and road test before getting a Class 1 licence.

Drivers who get their Class 1 licence under the farmer's extension must still show that they meet MELT standards, by passing the MELT-enhanced Class 1 knowledge and road tests before March 1, 2020.

MELT extension for farmers and farm workers; how to apply:

- 1) Complete the [application form](#) before Nov. 30, 2019.
 - Farm owners/operators must complete the application form on behalf of their employees (e.g. the drivers they are requesting the extension for.)
- 2) Email the completed application form to Alberta Transportation at transitiondrivers@gov.ab.ca
- 3) Alberta Transportation will review the application and, if farm-related status is confirmed, approve the extension with a confirmation letter with the names of the drivers who are approved to take the pre-MELT knowledge and road test.
- 4) Approved drivers will have until Nov. 30, 2019 to pass the pre-MELT knowledge and road test.

Getting a Class 1 licence under the extension

- 1) Study the [Commercial Driver's Guide](#) to prepare for your pre-MELT knowledge and road test.
- 2) Take your extension eligibility confirmation letter to any registry to take the pre-MELT knowledge test. You don't need to make an appointment for a knowledge test.
- 3) Once you've passed the knowledge test, book your pre-MELT road test in-person at any registry. To take the pre-MELT road test, all drivers must:
 - be at least 18 years old
 - have their extension eligibility confirmation letter
 - have at least a full Class 5 Alberta driver's licence (Graduated Driver's Licensing Program drivers are not eligible for a Class 1 licence)
 - have an approved Class 1 driver's medical completed by a physician

- have successfully completed the Air Brake Endorsement (Q Endorsement) Program
- 4) If you pass both tests, you will have a transitional Class 1 licence, valid until March 1, 2020.

Keeping your Class 1 licence under the extension

Transitional Class 1 drivers must show that they meet MELT standards by passing the MELT-enhanced knowledge and road tests by March 1, 2020, in order to keep their Class 1 driver's licence.

- 1) Study the [Class 1 MELT curriculum](#) to prepare for the MELT-enhanced knowledge and road test.
- 2) To be eligible to take the MELT-enhanced knowledge and road test, your employer (farm owner/operator) must fill out an endorsement form confirming your successful employment—either currently or during 2019 seasonal work. Email the endorsement form to Alberta Transportation at transitiondrivers@gov.ab.ca
 - Drivers who have been terminated for any reason may not be able to get an endorsement form from their employer. In this case, your transitional Class 1 licence will expire on March 1, 2020 and you will have to take MELT training and pass the MELT-enhanced knowledge and road test to get it back. Your driver's licence will revert to the class of licence you previously held (e.g. a Class 5 licence).
- 3) Once the endorsement form has been received, Alberta Transportation will notify you that you are eligible to take the MELT-enhanced tests.
- 4) You can take your MELT-enhanced knowledge test at any registry. You don't need to book ahead of time.
- 5) You can book your MELT-enhanced road test in-person at any registry.
- 6) You will have two attempts to pass the MELT-enhanced knowledge test and road test.
 - The first MELT-enhanced knowledge test and road test will be paid for by government, but the driver is responsible for all other costs of testing, e.g. the rental of a commercial vehicle for the road test.
 - If you fail the first attempt at either the knowledge or road test, you have one more chance to re-take the test you failed, at your expense.
- 7) If you fail the second re-test attempt at either the knowledge or road test, you will lose your Class 1 driver's licence immediately and your licence will revert to the class of licence you held previously, such as a Class 5 licence.
- 8) If you want to get a Class 1 driver's licence in the future, you must take MELT training and pass the MELT-enhanced knowledge and road test.

Note: Transitional drivers who do not take the MELT-enhanced knowledge and road tests by March 1, 2020 will automatically lose their Class 1 licence on that date. Your licence will revert to the class of licence you held previously (e.g. a Class 5 licence). You will no longer be authorized to drive Class 1 vehicles.

MELT and seasonal workers

If you are a temporary foreign worker under the Seasonal Agricultural Worker Program you can continue to use your existing driver's licence from your home country during the time you are in Canada.

This means if you already have a commercial licence to drive a Class 1 vehicle from your home jurisdiction, you can drive Class 1 vehicles temporarily while you are in Canada. You are not subject to MELT requirements.

However, these workers are not able to obtain an Alberta driver's licence. Only people who have established permanent residency in Alberta are eligible to apply for an Alberta driver's licence.

You cannot exchange any commercial driver's licence from a foreign jurisdiction for an Alberta driver's licence. This has always been the case and will not change with the MELT Program. If you are moving to Alberta permanently, you must take MELT to get an Alberta Class 1 licence.

Temporary foreign workers from outside of Canada who do not have a commercial truck licence in their home jurisdiction, and therefore no experience driving a large truck, are not eligible to get an Alberta Class 1 licence.

MELT and out-of-province drivers

The rules for Canadians from another province who are working temporarily in Alberta are the same as those for out-of-country drivers—you can temporarily use your existing driver's licence from your home province for the time you are in Alberta.

If you are moving to Alberta permanently from another province, however, you may be subject to MELT requirements.

- Class 1 drivers from a Canadian province who have taken an equivalent MELT program (right now only Ontario has an equivalent MELT program) are eligible to exchange their commercial licence for an Alberta Class 1 licence.
- Class 1 drivers who have not taken an equivalent MELT program, but who have held their commercial driver's licence for more than 24 months are eligible to exchange their commercial licence for an Alberta Class 1 licence.
- Class 1 drivers who have not taken an equivalent MELT program and have held their driver's licence for 12 to 24 months have the option of:
 - completing Alberta's MELT program
 - challenging the MELT-enhanced Class 1 knowledge and road tests.
 - If you are unsuccessful at passing either the enhanced knowledge or road test, your driver's licence will revert to the class of licence you previously held in your home jurisdiction (e.g. a Class 5).

- You must take MELT training and pass the enhanced knowledge and road tests to get a Class 1 licence in Alberta.
- Class 1 drivers who have held their driver's licence for less than 12 months must complete Alberta's MELT Program and pass the MELT-enhanced knowledge and road tests.
 - In the meantime, your licence will revert to the previous class of licence you had in your home jurisdiction (e.g. Class 5).

Note: If you are a Class 1 driver moving to Alberta to live permanently, you must:

- exchange your current driver's licence for an Alberta driver's licence within 90 days of moving to the province by handing in your valid provincial or territorial driver's licence to a registry agent
- provide proof that you live in Alberta
- provide proof of residence in Canada

More information on [MELT](#) can be found online.

For questions, contact the Alberta Transportation Contact Centre between 8:15 am and 4:15 pm (open Monday to Saturday, closed statutory holidays)

Phone: 780-427-8230 (Edmonton area)

Toll free: 310-0000 before the phone number (in Alberta)

Email: trans.driver.prog@gov.ab.ca

Mail: Alberta Transportation
Suite 130, 1st Floor Twin Atria Building
4999 98 Avenue
Edmonton, Alberta T6B 2X3

Changes for the agricultural industry

Consultations continue with the agricultural industry on impacts of potential mandatory training requirements for their sector, given these vehicles generally travel less frequently, shorter distances and through less densely populated areas.

Until a decision is made for this sector, effective March 15, 2019, anyone wishing to drive a semi used in farming operations will need to successfully obtain an "F" endorsement on their existing driver's licence and will be restricted to operating within Saskatchewan's borders. The "F" endorsement will not be required if they already have a Class 1 licence or have taken the mandatory training.

Note: The vehicle must be E-plated to qualify as "being used in farming operations."

Receiving an "F" endorsement

To receive an "F" endorsement, the driver must be at least 18 years old and not a novice driver. The driver must also submit a medical and pass all the written and road tests, as well as a trip inspection (testing will be based on the new curriculum).

SGI strongly encourages drivers to take some training, even if they don't want to complete the MELT program. This training will not count towards MELT training should they wish to pursue a Class 1 at a later date.

Clear Hills County

Request For Decision (RFD)

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| Meeting: | Agricultural Service Board Meeting |
| Meeting Date: | May 7, 2019 |
| Originated By: | Greg Coon, Agricultural Fieldman |
| Title: | BOARD REPORTS |
| File No: | 63-10-02 |

DESCRIPTION:

At this time the Board members will have an opportunity to present their reports on meetings attended and other agricultural related topics.

BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL:

ATTACHMENTS:

- Brian Harcourt written reports

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RESOLUTION by _____ that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the Board members' written or verbal reports of May 7, 2019 for information.

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| Initials show support - Reviewed by: Manager: <i>ABJ</i> AgFieldman: |
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Beef Cattle Day

March 26, 2019

Grimshaw, Alberta

By: Brian Harcourt

Sponsored by PCBFA and NPARA....Pt 1.

Speaker..Allan R Williams..PLD..SC, USA.

Subject..Soil Health...Quotes and Comments.

Three principles of Adaptive Stewardship.

1..Ecological choices..2..Economical health of Farmers..

3..Organic Soil...teeming with life.

Soil is a marvel and a mystery.

Living roots, animal integration, reduced soil disturbance, diversity.

Check out..soilcarboncowboys.com - understandingag.org

soilhealthacademy.org pastureproject.org

All starts with microbes. Ladybugs eat up to 50 aphids a day.

Standing on soil-on the roof of another world.

Mycorrhiza fungi extends the roots of plants and transfers amino acids.

Speaker Duane MaCartney..Melfort, Sask.

Quotes and Comments...

Cheaper to graze than to feed.

Fertilized paddocks could be grazed twice instead of once.

Yellow head alfalfa very good in the pasture.

Every day grazed too early you loose 3 days in the fall.

Good topsoil cover provides shade, traps snow
and helps H2oto infiltrate and retain moisture.

Plants growth should get to the 3 leave stage before grazing.

Two legumes are better than grass alone.

Good quality fall grazing cuts feed costs.

Save best grazing for post calving...

Diversity--highly divers and complex pasture mixes of functional
groups of grasses, legumes and even weeds. At least a 5 seed mix.

Good SOC (Soil Organic Carbon) down to 30 + inches.

Organic soil has great resilience.

Do not do the same thing over and over.

After grazing heights, rest periods,species order, time of year,
season, and stacking numbers per paddock.

Keep good records, basic tools- observation,
use your senses, even taste and stock observation.

Speaker...Amber Moskalyk..
Canadian Beef Sustainability Pilot.
VBP..Verified Beef Producer.
BIXS..Beef Information Exchange System.
Dedication to responsible practices.
Transparency = Value.
Beef--socially responsible-economically viable.
Environmentally strong but must be profitable.
For more info..CLTS..Canadian Livestock Tracking System
CCIA..Canadian Cattle Identification Agency
www.canadaid.ca
1 877 909 2333

Clear Hills County Request For Decision (RFD)

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| Meeting: | Agricultural Service Board |
| Meeting Date: | May 7, 2019 |
| Originated By: | Greg Coon, Agricultural Fieldman |
| Title: | EVENTS |
| File: | 63-10-02 |

DESCRIPTION:

The Board is presented with events for their consideration.

BACKGROUND:

- Woodlots & Forested Areas Workshop on May 11, 2019 at the Manning Legion Hall.

OPTIONS:

1. Approve the attendance of one or more members to one or more of the events listed.
2. Accept for information.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Event Costs
- Woodlots & Forested Areas Workshop Poster
- Calendars (May/June)

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RESOLUTION by... that this Agricultural Service Board....

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| Initials show support - Reviewed by: Manager: <i>AGj</i> | AgFieldman: |
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Upcoming Events Cost estimate per day per individual

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| Woodlots & Forested Areas Workshop | Manning | May 11, 201 | 1 | \$10 | 390 | \$226.20 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$192.84 | \$429.04 |

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Get the most out of YOUR Woodlots & Forested Areas

Saturday May 11th, 2019
Manning Legion Hall
9 AM - 4 PM



At this workshop private landowners will learn:

- **Best management practices on forested private lands**
- How forested lands contribute economically and environmentally
- Management to maximize ecological and economic value
- Maintenance & restoration leads to healthier woodlots

Plus Outdoor Field Visits in the afternoon:

- Woodlot managed by Mr. Florian Spika
- NPARA Research Farm - shelterbelt tree & eco-buffer demos

Guest Speakers: Florian Spika (landowner) and Mikel Jackman (Mercer-Peace River)

Cost: \$10 includes lunch and refreshments (pay at the door)

Register by MAY 08 for space and lunch considerations with Noel St Jean at 1-780-245-5540 or nstjean@awes-ab.ca



May 2019

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Woodlots & Forested Areas Workshop – May 11th at the Manning Legion Hall

Legend:

BH – Brian Harcourt
 BR – Baldur Ruecker
 MR – MacKay Ross
 GC – Garry Candy
 JW – Julie Watchorn
 DJ – David Janzen
 All – All available members

June 2019

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Legend:

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Clear Hills County

Request For Decision (RFD)

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|----------------|-------------------------------------|
| Meeting: | Agricultural Services Board Meeting |
| Meeting Date: | May 7, 2019 |
| Originated By: | Greg Coon, Agricultural Fieldman |
| Title: | WEED INSPECTOR APPOINTMENTS |
| File: | 63-50-02 |

DESCRIPTION:

Weed Control inspectors are required to be appointed as per Section 7 of the Weed Control Act. The Board is requested to appoint Cindy Campbell, Cheryl Berggren, Crystal Dei, Tyrell Bean and Roxanne Lefebvre as inspectors to administer the Weed Control Act for Clear Hills County in 2019:

BACKGROUND:

The Weed Control Act, section 7, states:

Municipal inspectors

7(1) A local authority shall appoint inspectors to enforce and monitor compliance with this Act within the municipality.

Municipal inspectors — joint authority


9 An inspector appointed by a municipality may, with the consent of the local authority of another municipality, enforce and monitor compliance with this Act within the other municipality.

The weed inspectors will also be appointed as weed inspectors for the Village of Hines Creek, as per section 9 of the Weed Control Act and pending the Village Council approval.

ATTACHMENTS:

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RESOLUTION by to appoint Cindy Campbell, Cheryl Berggren, Crystal Dei, Tyrell Bean, and Roxanne Lefebvre as weed inspectors for Clear Hills County for 2019 as per Section 7 of the Weed Control Act.

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| Initials show support - Reviewed by: Ag. Fieldman:  . Manager: |
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Clear Hills County

Request For Decision (RFD)

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|----------------|------------------------------------|
| Meeting: | Agricultural Service Board Meeting |
| Meeting Date: | May 7, 2019 |
| Originated By: | Greg Coon, Agricultural Fieldman |
| Title: | PEST INSPECTOR APPOINTMENTS |
| File: | 63-50-02 |

DESCRIPTION:

Pest Control inspectors are required to be appointed as per Section 10 of the Agricultural Pests Act; and the Board is requested to appoint Cindy Campbell, Cheryl Berggren, Crystal Dei, Tyrell Bean and Roxanne Lefebvre as inspectors to administer the Agricultural Pests Act for Clear Hills County in 2019:

BACKGROUND:

Agricultural Pests Act:

Appointment of inspectors by local authority

10 (1) The local authority of a municipality shall appoint a sufficient number of inspectors to carry out this Act and the regulations within the municipality.

(section 10, Agricultural Pests Act)

ATTACHMENTS:

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RESOLUTION by _____ to appoint Cindy Campbell, Cheryl Berggren, Crystal Dei, Tyrell Bean and Roxanne Lefebvre as pest inspectors for the Clear Hills County for 2019 as per Section 10 of the Agricultural Pests Act.

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| Initials show support - Reviewed by: Ag Fieldman: <i>ABj</i> Manager: |
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Clear Hills County

Request For Decision (RFD)

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| Meeting: | Agricultural Service Board |
| Meeting Date: | May 7, 2019 |
| Originated By: | Audrey Bjorklund Community Development Manager |
| Title: | ASB TEAM SITE VISIT |
| File: | 63-10-02 |

DESCRIPTION:

The Provincial Agricultural Service Board Program Team is planning 15 field visits across Alberta this year, and Clear Hills County is one of the municipality's they will be visiting. The board is requested to select a date and time between late May and late September to have a short meeting with the Team. The Team will then spend the rest of the day with the Ag Fieldman on an office and field tour.

BACKGROUND:

This is a unique opportunity for the board to highlight programs and accomplishments and meet the ASB Team.

ATTACHMENTS:

- March 7 letter from Alberta Agriculture and Forestry
- Field Visit FAQ's

OPTIONS:

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That this Agricultural Service Board...propose _____, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. as a date for a meeting with the Provincial Agricultural Service Board Program Team prior to their office and field tour with the Agricultural Fieldman.

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| Initials show support - Reviewed by: | Manager: <i>Abj</i> | AgFieldman: |
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March 7, 2019

Mr. Brian Harcourt, Chair
Agricultural Service Board
Clear Hills County
Box 240
Worsley, AB T0H 3W0

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CLEAR HILLS COUNTY

Dear Mr. Harcourt:

The Agricultural Service Board Program Team is planning 15 field visits across Alberta this year and are planning to visit your municipality. The purpose of our visit is to strengthen our relationships with ASBs and to fulfill recommendations made by the Office of the Auditor General. This is a unique opportunity for the ASB to highlight programs, accomplishments and meet with ASB Program staff.

We would like to schedule a date to meet with your ASB between late May and late September. We know that this is a busy time of year for ASB programs but the objective of our visit is to see the results of your programs as we get the best sense of the success of your programs when they are actively ongoing.

A field visit is a full day process starting with a short meeting (approx. one hour) with your ASB members followed by an office and field tour with your Agricultural Fieldman. The primary focus of the field visit is to tour the municipality to see examples of programs implemented under the Legislative and Environmental Funding Streams of the ASB Grant Program. The field visit focuses on the outcomes and deliverables of your Strategic Plan and we may request to see outcomes of particular programs as part of the field visit. We have included a "Frequently Asked Questions" document with this letter that provides a general overview of the field visit process.

Please arrange a time for us to come visit with your ASB. If you have any questions regarding the field visit please contact Alan Efetha at 403-381-5852 or alan.efetha@gov.ab.ca. Once you have chosen the date that will work best for your field visit please contact Pam Retzloff, ASB Program Coordinator at pam.retzloff@gov.ab.ca or phone (780) 427-4213 as she will be coordinating the dates for the 15 field visits being done this year.

We are looking forward to the opportunity to come and visit with you this summer.

Sincerely,


Doug Macaulay, Manager
Agricultural Service Board Program

Enclosure

cc: Greg Coon, Agricultural Fieldman
Allan Rowe, CAO

Field Visit FAQs

Why do you do field visits?

The ASB Program has been asked by the Auditor General to conduct a field visits approximately every five years to ensure that the grant dollars we allocate are supporting activities related to enforcement of delegated legislation and environmental extension activities. To accomplish this we conduct a field visit to that focuses on learning more about the ASB's enforcement and environmental programs.

How many field visits do you do every year?

Our goal is to do 15 field visits every year. We select three municipalities per region for a field visit annually. We will be doing 15 field visits in 2019.

What time of year will you come for the field visit?

The field visits are scheduled between late May and September.

What is the process for a field visit?

A field visit consists of two components: meeting with the ASB members and then a field tour with the Agricultural Fieldman.

We prefer to keep the meeting with the ASB members short to allow us to look at as many projects as possible. One to two hours is generally enough time for us to meet with the ASB members. This is their opportunity to ask questions regarding the program and to discuss any concerns.

We want to spend the majority of our time in the field looking at examples of your programs and accomplishments. We want to see examples of your inspection and control programs, environmental projects and anything that you do that is unique in your municipality. We will need time to stop and take pictures of the different projects you are currently working on.

We understand that it may not always be possible to visit with your ASB members as this is the busiest time of year for them. If this is the case, we will arrange to meet with the fieldman during the spring /summer and then return in the winter to meet with ASB members as needed.

Who will be coming to do our field visit?

A member of the Plant Bee Health Policy Section plans to attend every field visit. In some instances another AF staff member may attend the field visit. For example, Plant Bee Health Surveillance Section members have expressed interest in attending some of the field visits to gain a better understand the role of ASBs and agricultural fieldmen. Some of your Key Contacts have also expressed interest and may be invited to attend the field visit.

Typical Field Visit Activities

- Meet in the office to review maps and data related to inspection and application programs
 - Take pictures or get copies of notices issued, maps for spraying programs, examples of newsletters or advertisements for extension events
 - Look at AIMS/other programs that collect data for inspection programs
 - Copies of policies that you work under
 - Certification (i.e. Form 7) or identification
- Tour the shop to look at equipment for programs
 - Herbicide storage
 - Toxicant storage
 - Rental equipment yard
- Meet with inspectors and other ASB Program staff
 - Inspectors may be asked to produce their identification
- Road tour:
 - Look at areas where roadside vegetation program has been completed
 - Roadside seeding
 - Biocontrol projects
 - Fields where notices have been issued/enforcement completed
 - Environmental projects
 - Solar water demonstration sites
 - Riparian sites
 - Bioengineering projects
 - Ag plastics recycling
 - Other activities your ASB may be involved in
 - Tankloader sites
 - Water pipeline
 - Any other project related to enforcement of the Acts or included on your ASB Strategic Plan
 - Problems you are currently managing
 - Areas where a problem has been successfully managed
 - Unique programs/projects you are working on
 - Areas that are unique to your municipality

Clear Hills County

Request For Decision (RFD)

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|----------------|---|
| Meeting: | Agricultural Service Board |
| Meeting Date: | May 7, 2019 |
| Originated By: | Brian Harcourt ASB Chair |
| Title: | AFRICAN SWINE FEVER THREAT TO CANADA |
| File: | 63-10-02 |

DESCRIPTION:

The Board is presented with information on African Swine Fever, and how the current epidemic in China is a threat to Canada and the rest of the world. African Swine Fever only affects pigs.

BACKGROUND:

ATTACHMENTS:

- China's Pig Pandemic Should Worry Everyone, April 24, 2019 Article from BNN Bloomberg News.
- Canada Food inspection Agency – African Swine Fever information pages

OPTIONS:

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That this Agricultural Service Board... this Agricultural Service Board accept for information the article on African Swine Fever in China and the threat to the global hog industry, including Canada if the fever should spread beyond China's borders.

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| Initials show support - Reviewed by: | Manager: <i>ABj</i> | AgFieldman: |
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China's Pig Pandemic Should Worry Everyone

Adam Minter, Bloomberg News Apr 24, 2019

(Bloomberg Opinion) -- It's a familiar and ominous story. A deadly pathogen with no known cure begins spreading in China. Rather than acknowledge the problem, officials throughout the Chinese government shut down media coverage, while under-reporting infection and mortality rates for fear of career and political repercussions. Just as the true scale of the epidemic emerges, Chinese officials declare victory.

In 2002 and 2003, that was roughly the course of the deadly, incurable SARS pandemic that emerged in southern China and disrupted global travel, commerce and health. In 2018 and 2019, it's an accurate description of how China has mismanaged an epidemic of African swine fever that's on course to kill 130 million pigs -- or roughly one-third of China's herd, the biggest in the world.

This wasn't supposed to happen. Post-SARS, China supposedly reformed its system so that secrecy, careerism and concerns over China's international image wouldn't again take precedence over public health. Thankfully African swine fever only affects pigs. But the epidemic highlights how hard old habits die, and how systemically unprepared China is to report and manage the inevitable next epidemic that kills people.

For decades, the Chinese government's top priority has been the preservation of social stability. Mainly this is promoted through economic development policies designed to enrich and placate China's vast population, especially in the countryside. Meanwhile, events that the government views as potentially threatening tend to be suppressed. For example, in 1976, the government censored reporting on the Tangshan earthquake, a catastrophic event that killed more than 500,000 people, for fear of how the public would react to the death toll and the government's inadequate response.

That preference for secrecy in the face of natural and human-made disasters didn't dissipate in the wake of China's economic opening. In fact, it's strengthened over the decades as the government has prioritized economic growth as the all-purpose solution to China's ills. Insofar as news about natural disasters might inhibit investment and disrupt business, it's clearly unwelcome.

Meanwhile, China's hierarchical system remains fragmented and autonomous below the top levels of power. Despite President Xi Jinping's efforts at bureaucratic reform, this chaotic structure tends to bog down policymaking and confuse lines of authority. For example, during the SARS crisis in 2002 and 2003, the Ministry of Health was politically subservient to provincial governments and its recommendations were viewed as guidelines, not directives. Likewise, provincial governments had limited obligations to communicate with the Ministry of Health or the central government.

The result was an uncoordinated political process in which local officials prioritized provincial needs -- most notably, promoting growth (and thereby, their own careers) -- rather than calling attention to the emerging epidemic. The Communist Party also proved reluctant to distract officials and the public from a politically crucial Party

Congress. The immediate needs of the public, insofar as they were considered at all, were subservient to the needs of the bureaucracy.

At first glance, African swine fever doesn't seem to have much in common with the SARS pandemic. But, from the perspective of officials, it's also a serious threat to social stability. In China, where pork is the staple protein, rising pork prices play an outsize role in the country's inflation rate. That fact appears to be undercutting post-SARS reforms intended to create more transparency during natural disasters. In recent months, there have been numerous reports of pig death undercounts and coverups, and widespread efforts to suppress and censor news coverage while promoting a false narrative that the epidemic is under control (it's not).

While the outbreak may not be as immediately dangerous to humans as SARS, the official response should worry Chinese, as well as public health authorities globally. Thanks to its geographic position on migratory bird routes, its vast and largely unregulated livestock industry, and its weak public health institutions, China is a prime candidate to serve as the incubator for the next pandemic capable of killing millions of humans. Ensuring that Beijing responds to that epidemic in a responsible manner must be a global priority.

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African swine fever

African Swine Fever Forum

The Forum will bring together invited government and industry leaders and decision makers to discuss African swine fever and to develop a roadmap to prevent and respond to the threat of ASF.

Keeping African swine fever out of Canada

African swine fever (ASF) is a highly contagious viral disease of domestic and wild pigs. It causes high death rates in infected pigs and can infect swine herds in various ways. There is no treatment or vaccine for African swine fever.

Consult the [African swine fever fact sheet](#) for answers to frequently asked questions.

In Canada, ASF is a [reportable disease](#) under the *Health of Animals Act*, and all cases must be reported to the Canadian Food Inspection Agency. African swine fever has never been found in Canada.

Everyone has a role to play in [reducing the risk of African swine fever](#). An outbreak in Canada would have a significant [economic impact](#) on the country and the Canadian pork industry.

What you can do to prevent an outbreak

- [International travellers](#)
- [Small scale producers and pig pet owners](#)
- [Animal feed and feed imports](#)
- [Contact with wild pigs](#)
- [Strong on-farm biosecurity standards](#)

International travellers

People such as farm workers, foreign exchange students or hunters who travel to countries infected with African swine fever could bring back contaminated food, clothing and equipment.

Wash or dispose of all clothing and footwear worn while travelling to a country that is infected with ASF prior to re-entering Canada. Travellers also must declare all animal and food products at the border. Neglecting to do so could result in monetary penalties of up to \$1300.

Visitors who have visited a farm in an ASF-infected country must not visit a pig farm in Canada for at least 14 days.

- [What can I bring into Canada in terms of food, plant, animal and related products?](#)
- [African swine fever – traveller pamphlet](#)
- [Countries that Canada recognizes as being free from the disease](#)
- [Map of confirmed cases around the world](#)
- [Travellers: Don't be the carrier of a deadly pig disease – PDF \(181 kb\)](#)
- [Transport authorities and check point staff: Don't overlook a deadly pig disease – PDF \(193 kb\)](#)

Small scale producers and pig pet owners

Feeding pigs food scraps that are infected with the virus can introduce the disease to a swine herd.

Did you know that it is illegal to feed meat to pigs?

This includes all pet foods that contain meat or meat by-products. African swine fever can survive for several months in fresh, frozen, cooked, partially cooked and processed pork products.

- [Small scale pig farmers: Don't be the carrier of a deadly pig disease – PDF \(271 kb\)](#)

► [Resources for producers](#)

Animal feed and feed imports

African swine fever can spread through contaminated feed or feed ingredients. Producers should only purchase swine feed from trusted sources that have appropriate biosecurity controls.

Producers and feed manufacturers who purchase ingredients to produce pig feed should know the origin of the ingredients. Producers and feed importers should verify that feed ingredients were produced and handled using proper biosecurity measures.

Feed importers should be able to provide feed purchasers with information on how the ingredients were produced and handled prior to entry into Canada.

- [Feed questions and answers](#)
- [Import and export questions and answers](#)
- [What's hitching a ride in your feed? – PDF \(444 kb\)](#)

Import requirements for unprocessed grains and oilseeds, and associated meals destined for use in livestock feed

- [Notice to industry: Changes to import requirements for unprocessed grains and oilseeds, as well as associated meals destined for use in livestock feed](#)
- [Import Requirements for Plant-Based Feed Ingredients Imported For Use in Livestock Feed](#)
 - [Application for permit to import unprocessed/raw grains, oilseeds or plant-based meals \(CFIA/ACIA 5861\)](#)
 - [Facility questionnaire for the export of plant-based meals to Canada](#)
 - [Facility questionnaire for the import of unprocessed/raw grains and oilseeds in Canada](#)

Contact with wild pigs

African swine fever can be spread directly between pigs which happens through contact with the blood, tissues, secretions and excretions from infected pigs.

While African swine fever is not present in Canadian wild pigs, it is good biosecurity practice for producers and swine pet owners to keep their animals away from any areas where they could come into contact with wild pigs.

If producers or swine pet owners notice their pig(s) are sick, they should isolate the pig(s) immediately to reduce the risk of disease exposure and spread.

[Disease images of African swine fever](#) are available from the Center for Food Security and Public Health.

Any suspicion of ASF must be [reported to your local CFIA veterinarian](#).

Properly dispose of garbage. Wild pigs can contract ASF through scavenging infected waste that has been left in areas that are accessible to them.

- [Hunters: Don't be the carrier of a deadly pig disease – PDF \(239 kb\)](#)

Strong on-farm biosecurity standards

African swine fever can be brought onto a farm by people who have visited farms in areas that are infected with ASF. This includes bringing contaminated food, clothing or equipment onto farms.

Producers must ensure that visitors or worker on their farms follow strict biosecurity measures prior to coming back onto their premises.

- [Animal biosecurity](#)
- [On-farm biosecurity](#)
- [National Swine Farm-Level Biosecurity Standard](#)
- [National Biosecurity Guide for the Livestock and Poultry Feed Sector](#)
- [Commercial pig farmers: Don't be the carrier of a deadly pig disease – PDF \(213 kb\)](#)


Statements and updates

- [CVO Statement - QUADS Chief Veterinary Officers meet to discuss opportunities to work together to mitigate risks to animal health](#)
- [Order Imposing Conditions in Relation to Secondary Control Zones In Respect of African Swine Fever](#)
 - [Order Amending the Order Imposing Conditions in Relation to Secondary Control Zones In Respect of African Swine Fever](#)
- [Designation Order](#)
- [Declaration](#)
- [News release: Government of Canada responding to the threat of African swine fever](#)

- [Video series: Statement from Canada's Chief Veterinary Officer](#)
- [CVO Statement - Preventing African swine fever from entering Canada](#)

Additional information

- [African swine fever: Key facts \(World Organisation for Animal Health\)](#)
- [World Organisation for Animal Health awareness tools](#)
- [Video: African swine fever - How to stay one step ahead](#)

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Clear Hills County Request For Decision (RFD)

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| Meeting: | Agricultural Service Board |
| Meeting Date: | May 7, 2019 |
| Originated By: | Greg Coon, Agricultural Fieldman |
| Title: | Veterinary Services Incorporation |
| File: | 63-10-30 |

DESCRIPTION:

Northern Sunrise County Agricultural Service Board is seeking support for beekeepers to be eligible producers under the VSI program, as they also need to have a relationship with their local vet in order to get prescriptions or purchase antibiotics

BACKGROUND:

The Board is requested to discuss this item so their Representative knows how to vote at the November VSI AGM.

ATTACHMENTS:

- March 25, 2019 email

OPTIONS:

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

RESOLUTION by... that this Agriculture Service Board **support or not support** adding beekeeper to the list of eligible producers under the VSI program for compensation of veterinarian costs as they need to have a relationship with their local vet to get prescriptions or purchase antibiotics.

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| Initials show support - Reviewed by: Manager: <i>ABj</i> AgFieldman: |
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Audrey Bjorklund

From: Sebastien Dutrisac <sdutrisac@northernsunrise.net>
Sent: March-25-19 9:00 AM
To: Rik Vandekerkhove
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Subject: item agenda for VSI AGM

Good morning,

I had a request to add an agenda item to the next VSI meeting. Our ASB would like to see beekeeper added to the list of eligible producers to compensate for veterinarian visit cost as they have to have a relationship with their local vet to get a prescription or purchase antibiotics. As this is a significant change or recommendation, we are cc'ing the Ag Fieldmen know so they can have a discussion with their ASB and Council prior to next November?

In service,



Sebastien Dutrisac C. AF. | Agricultural Fieldman | Northern Sunrise County

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AAAF 1st Vice President | Provincial Agricultural Service Board Secretary

"Nobody can do everything, but everyone should do something"

Clear Hills County

Request For Decision (RFD)

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| Meeting: | Agricultural Service Board |
| Meeting Date: | May 7, 2019 |
| Originated By: | Audrey Bjorklund Community Development Manager |
| Title: | JULY MEETING |
| File: | 63-10-02 |

DESCRIPTION:

The Board is requested to select an alternate meeting date for the month of July as the third Tuesday of the month conflicts with the July Council meeting, July 16, 2019.

BACKGROUND:

AG51(03/18/19) RESOLUTION by Member Candy that this Agricultural Service Board set the Agricultural Service Board meeting for the third Tuesday of each month except May when the meeting will be held on the first Tuesday, and no meetings will be held in April and September. Meetings will commence at 10:00 a.m. in the Clear Hills County Council Chambers at 313 Alberta Avenue Worsley, Alberta. At the call of the Chair, special meetings shall be posted 48 hours in advance.
CARRIED.

C558-18(11-13-18) RESOLUTION by Reeve Croy that Council schedules regular Council meetings to be held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in each month beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the Clear Hills County Council Chambers located at 313 Alberta Ave, Worsley, Alberta, except for December 2018, July 2019, and August 2019, during which months there shall be only one meeting on December 11, 2018, July 16, 2019, August 13, 2019 on those months. CARRIED.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That this Agricultural Service Board reschedule the July 2019 meeting to _____, 2019, as July 16, 2019 conflicts with Clear Hills County Council's scheduled July meeting.

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Clear Hills County

Request For Decision (RFD)

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| Meeting: | Agricultural Service Board Meeting |
| Meeting Date: | May 7, 2019 |
| Originated By: | Greg Coon, Agricultural Fieldman |
| Title: | AGRICULTURAL FIELDMAN REPORT |
| File No: | 63-10-02 |

DESCRIPTION:

At this time the Agricultural Fieldman will have an opportunity to present his report.

BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL:

ATTACHMENTS:

- Greg- Agricultural Fieldman Report-May 7, 2019

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RESOLUTION by _____ that the Agricultural Service Board accepts the May 7, 2019 Agricultural Fieldman report for information.

Initials show support - Reviewed by: Manager: *AB* AgFieldman:

MAY 7, 2019

PEST CONTROL

• **Wolves Claimed 2019 YTD:**

| Total # | Total \$ |
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| 23 | \$8050.00 |

OTHER TOPICS

- UTV sprayer has been mounted and is ready to go.
- Welder has completed the modifications to car hauler trailer. I will mount the water tank and storage box this week.
- Doors and hinges for UTV have arrived.
- Will be modifying water pump trailers to include a hose reel holder mounted permanently on each trailer in May.
- Trade show was completed. Finished cleanup and wrap up on Wednesday April 17th.
- We have hired 5 weed inspectors again this year. The hires are Cindy Campbell, Cheryl Berggren, Crystal Dei, Roxanne Lefebvre, and Tyrell Bean.
- I have completed the Program Administration and Legislation Course from Alberta Agriculture. Awaiting marks for the last 2 modules and the final exam.
- The Peace region weed inspector and spray crew workshops will be held in Rycroft on May 29th and 30th.
- Have updated the landowner layer of our weed inspection database and have archived the 2018 data.
- Went to a GIS workshop with MRF Geosystems to investigate and price a right of way spray mapping system for our UTV sprayer. We will bring this item back as an RFD to a future meeting.
- The annual ASB grant reporting is due to the provincial government by June 30th. I will provide a copy for your information at the June 17th ASB meeting.
- Will be doing seed cleaning plant inspections this month.

January 1 - April 30, 2019

| Rental Equipment | Rental Deposit | Rental Rates | Total Users | Total Days | Total |
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| Backpack Sprayer | \$ 50.00 | \$ - | 0 | 0 | \$ - |
| Bale Scale | \$ 100.00 | \$ 30.00 | 0 | 0 | \$ - |
| BBQ Trailer | \$ 100.00 | \$ 50.00 | 3 | 3 | \$ 100.00 |
| Chairs | \$ 50.00 | \$0.50/chair | 2 | 2 | \$ 77.00 |
| Community Centre | \$ 50.00 | \$ 50.00 | 3 | 3 | \$ 150.00 |
| Corral Panels | \$ 50.00 | \$ 50.00 | 0 | 0 | \$ - |
| Eco-Bran Applicator | \$ 50.00 | \$ - | 0 | 0 | \$ - |
| Exta Hoses | \$ 50.00 | \$1.000/hose | 3 | 4 | \$ 27.00 |
| Grain Bagger | \$ 350.00 | \$ 350.00 | 0 | 0 | \$ - |
| Grain Bag Roller | \$ 50.00 | \$ - | 4 | 4 | \$ - |
| Grain Bag Extractor | \$ 350.00 | \$ 350.00 | 5 | 9 | \$ 2,800.00 |
| Grain Vac | \$ 400.00 | \$ 200.00 | 9 | 11 | \$ 1,500.00 |
| Grill | \$ 50.00 | \$ 5.00 | 0 | 0 | \$ - |
| Hand Held Rope Wick | \$ 50.00 | \$ - | 0 | 0 | \$ - |
| Land Leveller | \$ 260.00 | \$ 130.00 | 0 | 0 | \$ - |
| Loading Chute | \$ 50.00 | \$ 25.00 | 2 | 2 | \$ 50.00 |
| Manure Spreader | \$ 300.00 | \$ 150.00 | 0 | 0 | \$ - |
| Mulch Applicator | \$ 50.00 | \$ 25.00 | 0 | 0 | \$ - |
| Post Hole Auger | \$ 50.00 | \$ 25.00 | 0 | 0 | \$ - |
| Post Pounder | \$ 250.00 | \$ 125.00 | 0 | 0 | \$ - |
| Pull/Push Roller Applicator | \$ 50.00 | \$ - | 0 | 0 | \$ - |
| Quad Mount Rope Wick | \$ 50.00 | \$ - | 0 | 0 | \$ - |
| Quad Mounted Sprayer | \$ 50.00 | \$ - | 0 | 0 | \$ - |
| Quad Pull Type Sprayer | \$ 50.00 | \$ - | 0 | 0 | \$ - |
| Rock Picker | \$ 600.00 | \$ 300.00 | 0 | 0 | \$ - |
| Rock Rake | \$ 600.00 | \$ 300.00 | 0 | 0 | \$ - |
| Roller Mill | \$ 50.00 | \$ 20.00 | 2 | 2 | \$ 40.00 |
| Rotowiper | \$ 150.00 | \$ - | 0 | 0 | \$ - |
| Sickle Mower | \$ 100.00 | \$ 50.00 | 0 | 0 | \$ - |
| Skidmount Sprayer | \$ 50.00 | \$ - | 0 | 0 | \$ - |
| Smoke Signs | \$ 60.00 | \$ - | 1 | 1 | \$ - |
| Steam Tables | \$ 50.00 | \$ 5.00 | 0 | 0 | \$ - |
| Tables | \$ 50.00 | \$1.00/table | 3 | 3 | \$ 93.00 |
| Toilets | \$ 100.00 | \$ 40.00 | 0 | 0 | \$ - |
| Tree Spade | \$ 300.00 | \$ 50.00 | 0 | 0 | \$ - |
| Truck Mount Sprayer | \$ 200.00 | \$ - | 0 | 0 | \$ - |
| Wash Station | \$ 50.00 | \$ 10.00 | 0 | 0 | \$ - |
| Water Pumps | \$100 (summer) \$1000 (winter) | \$75 (summer) \$200 (winter) | 3 | 6 | \$ 650.00 |
| Wire Roller | \$ 50.00 | \$ 25.00 | 0 | 0 | \$ - |
| Zero Till Drills | \$ 300.00 | \$ 150.00 | 0 | 0 | \$ - |
| | | | 40 | 50 | \$ 5,487.00 |